



Newsletter

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The Norwegian Getaway of Norwegian Cruise Lines

If you have pictures or postcards of your ship, please send them in to us for future Newsletters.

We Welcome

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Harka Bahadur Gurung

Srodeep Limbu

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Rabin Shrestha

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Tun Naing Lin

SHIPPING COMPANIES AND SHIPS LINKED TO US

We are working with 21 shipping companies, and have 767 men and 144 women on ships, a total of 911 crew and staff under management.

THE LAST MONTH IN BRIEF

I had the great pleasure to visit The World of Residencea when she was in Hong Kong this month. I thank the Security Officer, Martyn Lancaster, and our Security Guards, Dhan Limbu and Rup Bahadur Gurung, for their hospitality. It was good to see the ship and that all was going so well

As I write, I am about to depart on a trip to Singapore and Myanmar, on which I shall report next month.

New Look

The newsletter now has a brand new, easy-to-read layout! Featured with more pictures in a PDF format.



GI (HK) Business

We are providing security services for 30 Hong Kong Clients and have 110 security staff employed.

Our employment agency placement service found Bodyguard/Driver post position over the last month.

World Security

Economics

Economic events have settled down this month, but fears remain that the world is not growing enough and that dangers lurk of a further recession. The Eurozone is reporting growth of about 1% overall, with some countries in recession. Japan has slipped back in recession. The price of oil has dropped further.

Nuclear

The negotiations with Iran over its nuclear programme seem to be drawing into the final phase, but details have yet to emerge. There is no news of the North Korean nuclear programme.

The Arab World

The air campaign launched over a month ago against the Islamic State (ISIS) in Iraq and Syria by the United States and its Arab, Australian and European allies has continued. Aircraft continue to bomb ISIS and this has halted ISIS expansion. The Kurds in the Syrian town of Kobani has held out and continues to resist an ISIS siege. Iraq continues to experience Sunni Muslim terrorism across the country. Syria remains engulfed in civil war, as the Assad regime takes advantage of US airstrikes against ISIS to recover ground lost to the insurgents. In Yemen, tribal and religious violence continues to affect the capital, Sanaa, and other areas. The elected Libyan government is now in exile in the eastern city of Benghazi, leaving Islamist militias allied to the city of Misurata in control in the capital, Tripoli. Libya's oil production is being crippled by the violence.

Air campaign against ISIS in Syria and Iraq



Palestine

Speeches by senior Israeli politicians indicating that areas of Jerusalem sacred to Muslims should be reserved for Jews have caused a resurgence in violence and fears of a further uprising, or intifada. Israeli settlement in Palestine areas continues to reduce the area that might be available to any Palestinian state, increasing friction. The recent victory of the right wing republican party in the US congressional elections will give encouragement to Israeli refusal to offer compromises to the Palestinians and will increase the chances of further violence.



Woman waves Palestinian flag as Israeli youths with Israeli flag walk by in Jerusalem.

Afghanistan and Pakistan

Violence continues across Afghanistan and Pakistan, which remain very unsafe in many parts of the two countries.

Asia

The leaders of China and Japan met this month and agreed to differ over the disputes that hamper relations between the two countries. Relations between Japan and China, between South Korea and Japan, and between China and states around the South China Sea (in particular Vietnam and the Philippines) remain strained over conflicting maritime claims. Occasional terrorist acts continue to occur in Muslim areas of western China's Xinjiang

Thailand

The Muslim insurgency in southern Thailand, near the Malaysian border, continues. It now appears that the Thai military intends to remain in control of the country for some time and to introduce a constitution that will prevent

Somalia

There are no new reports of piracy at present.



Malacca Straits

There are growing reports of piracy attacks aimed at small tankers in the region.

Africa

Islamic militants have continued their operations across the northern states below the Sahara desert. In Nigeria, the Islamic fundamentalists Boko Haram have carried out further attacks on villages and have enslaved more women. The president of Burkino Faso, Blaise Compaore, was toppled by mass protests on 31 October, when he tried to alter the constitution to prolong his rule. He has been replaced by an interim president, diplomat Machel Kafando, and elections are planned for the end of the year. The security situation in the Central African Republic, Mali and South Sudan remains grave. Ebola fever continues to spread widely in Sierra Leone and has reached Mali, but new cases are decreasing in Guinea and Liberia. Nigeria has remained free of the

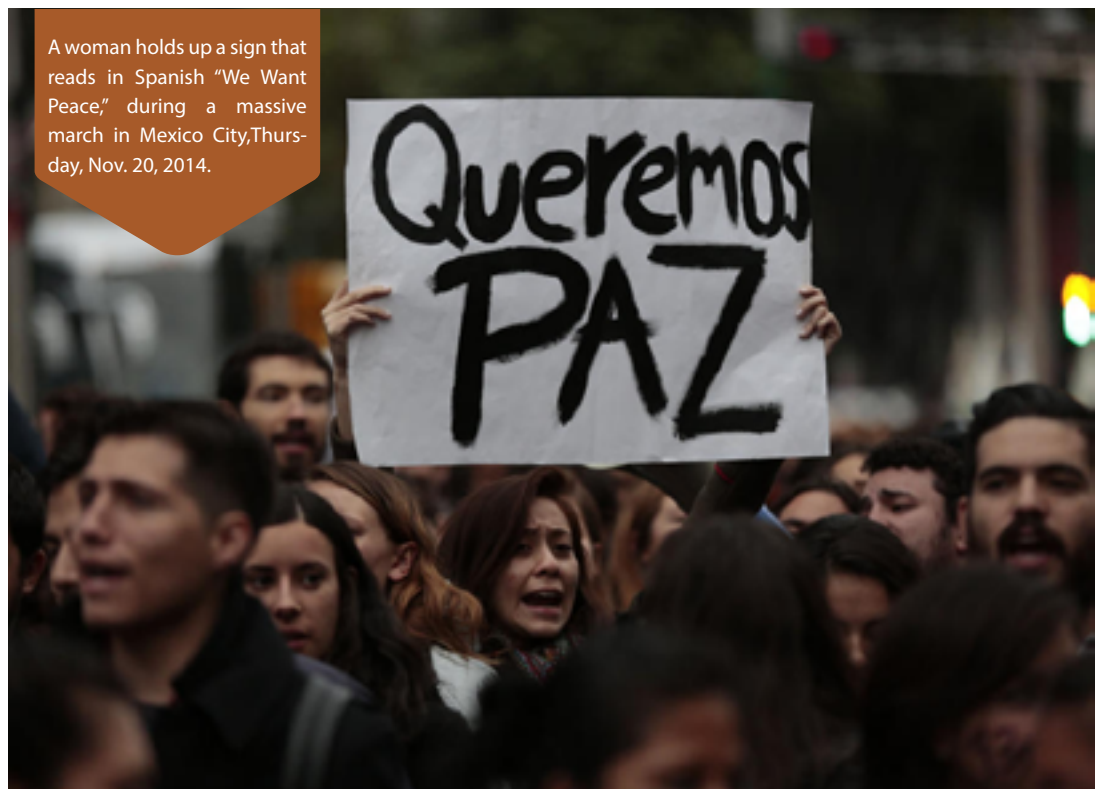
Ukraine

The ceasefire in the Ukraine is breaking down as Russia recognized the results of the illegal elections held there and has begun again to send troops and equipment into the country. Fighting and artillery duels have broken out once more. World leaders attending the G20 summit in Brisbane berated Russian leader Vladimir Putin for Russian actions in Ukraine, causing him to depart early. Western sanctions and the falling oil price are badly affecting the Russian economy and the Ruble has dropped markedly. Russian incursions of military ships and planes into NATO and Baltic areas are increasing. German Chancellor Angela Merkel has warned that Russia is seeking to upset the peaceful status quo in Europe and must be resisted if neighbouring countries like Georgia and Moldova are not to fall within a Russian zone of influence and if even Serbia is not to be lost to the European Union. The situation remains grave and very dangerous.

The Americas

Huge public unrest has broken out after 43 Mexican students from a country area in Guerrero were arrested by police on the orders of a local mayor, handed to criminals and murdered. This developed into protests against corruption and the government of President Enrique Peña Nieto and the drug traffickers associated with politicians. Demonstrations have closed down public areas and attacked government buildings in Mexico City and other towns like Chilpancingo. The ceasefire in Columbia between the government and the communist Farc rebels was ended when guerillas kidnapped senior general Ruben Dario Alzate, ending attempts to stop the fifty year old civil war.

A woman holds up a sign that reads in Spanish "We Want Peace," during a massive march in Mexico City, Thursday, Nov. 20, 2014.



India

There is no news of security interest at the moment.

Myanmar

President Obama visited this month against a background of growing international unease that reforms have stalled in the country. The Muslim Rohingya community in the north-western state of Rakhine has begun to flee the country when it can to avoid dispossession and oppression; 100,000 are estimated to have fled to Malaysia and Bangladesh over the last two years. Many remain in camps outside the provincial capital of Sittwe or in restricted rural villages. Only those able to prove they lived in the country before 1948 are eligible for citizenship, and this has made it impossible for most, who have no documents.



Women walk pass a wall with graffiti welcoming U.S. President Barack Obama on a street side in Yangon,



Water Hyacinth

Nepal News

Scientists use bugs against water hyacinth nuisance

KASKI, NOV 05 - Nepali scientists are using insects to control the rampant growth of water hyacinth at Begnas and Phewa lakes in Kaski. The exotic water plant, locally known as Jalkumbhi, has been taking over large sections of rivers and lakes across the country.

Nepal Agriculture Research Council (NARC) in coordination with an American research institution introduced over 500 locally available beetle (*Neochetina eichhorniae*) to control the water hyacinth in the two lakes two months ago.

Liberia returnees declared Ebola-free

KATHMANDU, NOV 10 - The Nepal Army and Armed Police Force (APF) returnees from the Ebola-infested West Africa

completed a 21-day quarantine last week to join their families.

"The personnel have not shown any signs of Ebola. There is nothing to worry," said Dr Baburam Marasini, director of Epidemiology and Disease Control Division.

Nepal, India set title clash

KATHMANDU, NOV 20 - Nepal made it to the Saff Women's Championship final for the third time in a row with a 1-0 win over Bangladesh in semi-finals on Wednesday.

A solitary goal from Sajana Rana secured Nepal passage into the title decider against their bitter rivals India. The result at the Jinnah Stadium, in Islamabad in Pakistan on Wednesday, meant the championship clash with a repeat of the previous two editions. India had

defeated Nepal in finals on both the occasion. Nepal lost the 2010 final 1-0 and 2012 title clash 3-1.

Despite the victory, Nepal coach Kumar Katuwal was unhappy with the performance of his team. "We squandered too many chances as we should have scored many goals," said the coach. He also added that his focus has now turned towards the India rematch. "We are one match away from winning the trophy. We are looking on the ways to beat the team (India) that has performed extremely well in the tournament," added the coach.

Cabinet can overrule CIAA order on hydros: Gyawali

KATHMANDU, NOV 20 - Minister Radha Gyawali said on Wednesday that hydro projects stalled due to intervention by the Commission for the Investigation of Abuse of Authority (CIAA) could be pushed forward by overriding its order through a Cabinet decision.

The CIAA and parliamentary committees have been engaged in a highly-publicized dispute over jurisdiction after the anti-graft body ordered the termination of the generation and survey licences of a bunch of hydro projects for failing to conclude power purchase agreements and financial closure on time.

Speaking at the Reporters' Club, Minister Gyawali said that a number of projects facing the termination of their licences

had genuine developers. "I respect the decision of the CIAA and the concern of parliamentary committees. However, since some of the projects whose licences have been marked for cancellation are genuine, a power-starved country like Nepal should not hinder their development," said Gyawali.

9 Nepalis die each week in Malaysia: Embassy

KATHMANDU, NOV 21 - At least 166 Nepali migrant workers have died in Malaysia in the last four and a half months, reveals the Nepal's embassy in Kuala Lumpur, raising a serious question over Nepali workers' condition in East Asia's second largest economy.

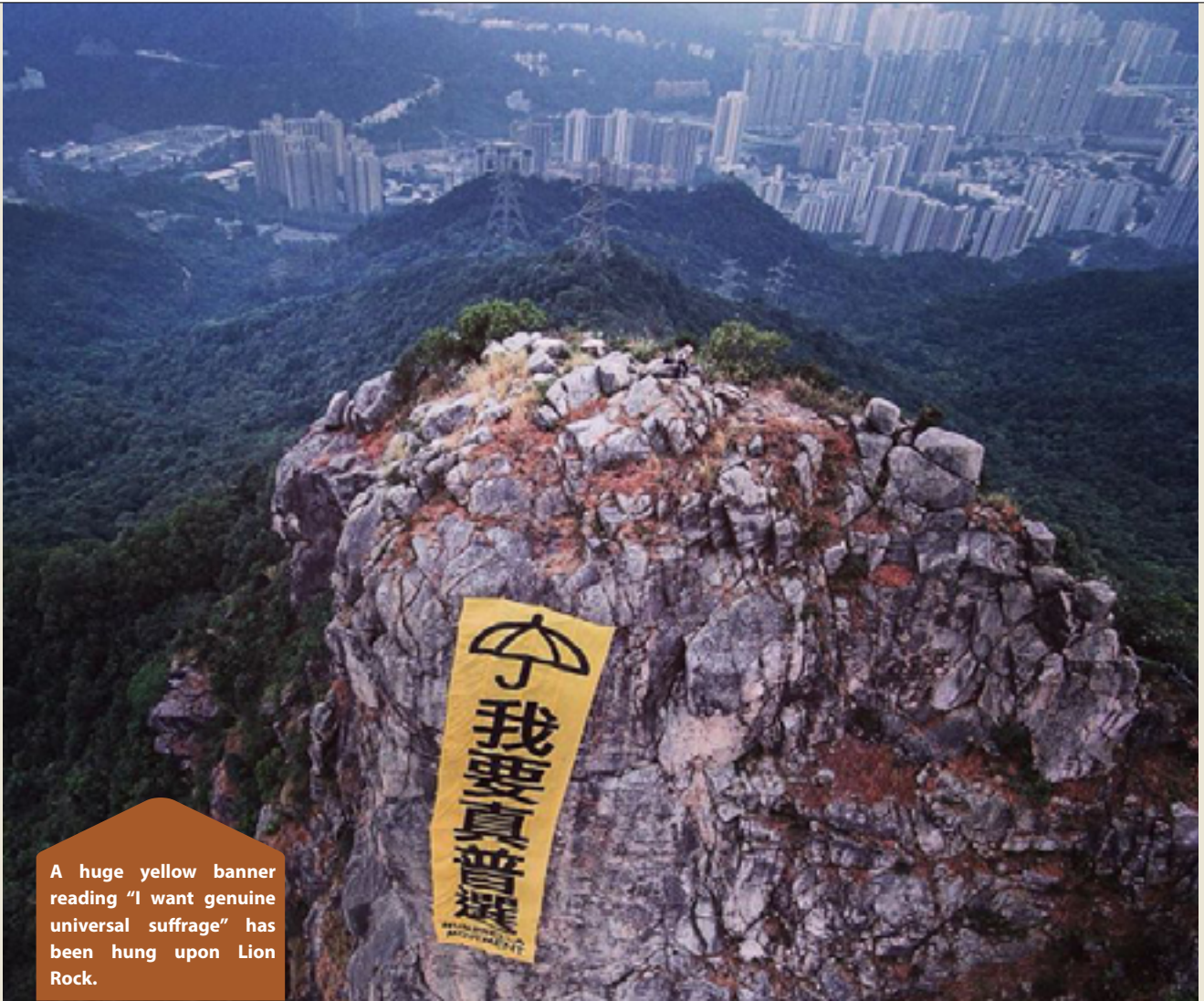
Nepali embassy record shows that more than one Nepali worker died every day from July 1 to November 14,

due to causes like heart attack, suicide, traffic accident, work place accident and natural deaths. Some 2,700 Nepali citizens have died in the country since 2003, the year when the government started to record such incidents.

Malaysia is largest labour destination for Nepali workers. Around 700,000 of total 2.5 million Nepali migrant workers are employed there. Stakeholders attribute the increasing number of deaths to appalling working condition, climate, lack of medical care and compulsion to work under immense stress, though there has been very little research on the matter. Doctors said most of the deaths could be avoided through healthy lifestyle and by ensuring better work environment, food, adequate rest and regular health check-ups.



A migrant worker in a tailor shop at the Plaza Sri Muda wet market, Shah Alam.



A huge yellow banner reading "I want genuine universal suffrage" has been hung upon Lion Rock.

Hong Kong News

Oct 23 - A group of rock climbers hung a huge yellow banner - reading "I want real universal suffrage" - from the highest point of Lion Rock yesterday to show support for the democracy movement. It was removed by the government in the next day

Nov 1 - A British financier has been arrested on suspicion of murder after two women were found dead inside the bloodied walls of his luxury apartment in Hong Kong. The women were discovered in J Residence on Johnston Road – a skyscraper favoured by junior expatriate bankers. The two women were believed to be sex workers of Asian origin. One of them was heavily decomposed, stuffed inside a large suitcase left on the balcony, which police believe it could have remained

there for several days. The other victim, a woman aged between 25 and 30, was found with her throat cut, lying naked in the living room. She had been stabbed multiple times. A police source said the scene of the murder in Wan Chai was among the grisliest seen since the so-called "milkshake murder" in 2003, when a high-flying American banker's wife served him a strawberry milkshake full of sedatives before bludgeoning him to death.

Nov 15 - Three student leaders at the heart of the Occupy Central protests had their travel documents were invalidated, hours before they were to fly to Beijing to press their demands for true universal suffrage. The students said they were "shocked and angry", saying it is extremely rare for authorities to revoke

a Hongkonger's "home return permit" before they even reach the mainland. Pan-democratic lawmakers said the decision was an "affront to the law" and a sign that Beijing would not listen to Hong Kong people's views.



Nov 19 - At around 1am, a group of masked people, many of whom appeared to be teenagers, used metal barriers and various objects including broken bricks to try to crack open the glass doors outside the canteen at the Legco complex. Six men aged between 18 and 24 had been arrested for criminal damage and for assaulting police officers during the incident. The surprise flare-up of violence, which led to the deployment of pepper spray and police baton-charging protesters, took place barely one day after a clearance operation had been carried out at one of the main pro-democracy protest sites in the district.

At 4.30am, protesters regrouped and clashed with police. Officers used pepper spray and baton-charged the crowd, who were again forced to retreat,

with dozens mounting a wall and fleeing into the adjacent Tamar Park.



Nov 19 - The online television station HKTv went live today. The long-awaited launch was marked by 330,000 downloads of its app via smart TV or set-top boxes and 670,000 through mobile

devices, drawing 250,000 viewers in the first seven hours in service.

It hit a snag last year when an application for a free-to-air TV license was rejected by the government, sparking a protest by tens of thousands of people outside government headquarters. Chairman Ricky Wong then sought a mobile TV license but was told he could not go ahead for technical reasons, leading him to launch the online service. It was also the 47th anniversary of dominant broadcaster TVB.



The Launching ceremony of HKTv

Conclusion

The sad and serious events around the world remind us all of the need for us to do our jobs carefully and watchfully. Be prepared for the worst to happen, and you will be able to handle it when it does. Be alert and report anything unusual you see. Never be embarrassed if you report something that turns out not to be a threat; it's always better to be safe. It is the safety of those you are guarding that matters, nothing else.



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